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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examining the above-entitled patent application and before calculating the filing fees, please make the following amendments:

**In The Specification:**

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification set forth below. The substitute specification complies with 37 CFR 1.125 (b). A mark up version of the substitute specification as required under 37 CFR 1.121(b)(3)(iii) is attached as Appendix A. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (c) (3), a clean version of the entire set of claims is attached as Appendix B. The clean version reflects amendments made in a preliminary amendment filed on December 21, 2000, no further amendments to the claims have been made during this preliminary amendment.

## REMARKS

No new matter has been added as a result of the above-presented amendments. The specification was amended to convert the originally filed foreign application into a format that is acceptable under 37 CFR 1.125 (b). The amendment is also responsive to the "Notice to File Corrected Application" mailed on March 12, 2001. The specification has been amended to correct the application by removing excessive text from the drawings. This preliminary amendment has been filed within the time period as set forth and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.115 (b)(2)(iii).

The Applicants respectfully request expeditious consideration and allowance of the present application. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned if he believes such would facilitate furtherance of the prosecution of the present application.

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